

Some Resources for Using Social Media for the Jewish Genealogist

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Blogs

www.genebloggers.com a “mega-blog” about genealogy blogs

You can search all 1900+ geneablogger blogs simultaneously for surnames and town names.

Some of the many Jewish genealogy blogs:

www.jewishgen.blogspot.com/

www.genrootsblog.blogspot.com/

www.tracingthetribe.blogspot.com/ [defunct]

www.jewishgraveyardrabbit.blogspot.com/

<http://blog.myheritage.com/>

using an “rss aggregator” to follow blogs—www.feedly.com

Using Social Networking for Genealogy

www.facebook.com (app. 550,000,000 unique monthly visitors world-wide)

www.linkedin.com (app. 50,000,000 UMV)

Some Genealogy Social Networking Sites

www.MyHeritage.com (based in Israel)

www.genebase.com (for DNA networking)

www.Ancestry.com

www.familybuilder.com (affiliated with Facebook)

www.geni.com

www.genolink.ru/ (Russian site)

Social Networking Features of JewishGen

JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) (www.jewishgen.org/jgff)

“a compilation of surnames and towns currently being researched by over 90,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide”

List your own family surnames and towns. Search for other researchers by surname and town.

Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP) (www.jewishgen.org/gedcom)

Upload your own tree, or search others—coordinated with trees uploaded to MyHeritage.com.

JewishGen Family Links Database (Family Pages) (www.jewishgen.org/Family)

Link your already created family site(s) to the database, or use JewishGen’s simple tool for creating pages.

ViewMate (www.jewishgen.org/ViewMate)

Submit scanned photos for identification of people, places, artifacts, etc.

Submit scanned documents for analysis, interpretation, or translation.

Mailing Lists

JewishGen Discussion Group mailing list (www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/DiscussionGroup.htm)

JewishGen Special Interest Group (SIG) mailing lists (www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/sigs.htm)

Search the Discussion Group and SIG archives (www.jewishgen.org/databases)

A list of genealogy mailing lists (www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html) (select the topic Jewish Mailing Lists)

www.british-jewry.org.uk/

Message (Query) Boards

Post your queries about people and locations; search the boards for your family names and towns.

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/> is a sub-site of www.rootsweb.com

www.genforum.genealogy.com

www.yourfamily.com/genealogy.html

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/surnamequery/>

http://dir.genealogytoday.com/message_boards.html

Photo Sharing Sites

www.flickr.com

www.panoramio.com

www.picasa.com

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Geotagging for Genealogy

Use Google Earth and interactive maps to display and share family history information.

www.mapyourancestors.com —integrates with trees on familysearch.com

www.ancestralatlas.com —upload your gedcom

Plot the life, migrations, and descendants of single ancestors and whole families.

Social Bookmarking

“A method for Internet users to share, organize, search, and manage bookmarks of web resources.”

Diigo – www.diigo.com

Gather – www.gather.com

Digg – www.digg.com

Reddit – www.reddit.com

Delicious – www.delicious.com

Pinterest – www.pinterest.com

Genealogy Wikis

Wiki: “A collaborative website which can be directly edited by anyone”; a tool for collective editing of online content.

Family Search Research Wiki: www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Family Search Jewish Genealogy Research Wiki: familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Jewish_Genealogy_Research

Some other genealogy wikis

www.wikitree.com

www.genealowiki.com